

# Green Businesses in Sunnyvale

## *Environmental Values at Work*



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*Reusable mugs and a bulk water dispenser are used instead of single-use plastic water bottles*



*Laser toner cartridges are shipped back to the manufacturer to be refilled*

### All Laser Service

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When All Laser Service opened their business, operating with the environment in mind was second nature. "I've been recycling since I was a young girl," said Alicia Cole, Customer Service Representative. "My father and grandfather were great recyclers when I was growing up so it was part of my life early on." All Laser Service provides laser printer repair and on-line printer parts sales to business and residential customers. One of the first environmental efforts put in place was toner cartridge recycling. When the cartridges are empty, they are sent back to the manufacturer to be refilled. In addition, any printer parts that are at the end of their useful life get sent back to the manufacturer for recycling.

Other environmental initiatives put in place are:

- energy-efficient lighting
- a low flow toilet
- recycling bins for beverage containers, paper, and cardboard
- close monitoring of the thermostat to avoid unnecessary heating and cooling
- ceramic mugs and bulk water dispenser
- computers and lights are turned off when not in use

To reduce waste, Cole makes sure the large foam pieces received from shipping are reused and she has set up a large bin that gets filled with packing peanuts her neighbors in the business park drop off. "They know the peanuts will be put to good reuse," says Cole. To reduce fuel emissions and prevent unnecessary driving, they carefully plan out their repair and delivery trips.

"To make environmental changes around the office, you need to think about everything you use and ask whether it can be recycled or reused," says Cole. "These days almost everything can!"

For more information on the green efforts of All Laser Service please contact Alicia Cole.